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Control Centers Ready or Planned In Most Counties

Establishment of county control centers in all counties of Pennsylvania, as required by Rule No. 1 issued by the State Council of Defense, is already well on its way toward realization in most areas of the state.

Plans for as many local control centers as needed, usually three or more to a county, also are progressing rapidly, and in addition the wheels have been set in motion for a metropolitan district control center in Philadelphia to tie together the protective forces of that city and its four adjoining counties.

The rapid progress on control centers was reported by Colonel Henry A. Reninger, S.C.D. liaison officer in eastern Pennsylvania, and Colonel William Pierce, liaison officer in the western part of the state. Both men are giving advice and assistance to Councils of Defense that request their services in connection with control centers.

14 Nearly Ready

At least six cities in eastern Pennsylvania have control centers fully manned and functioning, and 14 other cities have centers under construction and due to be completed by next

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100,000 TAGS SHIPPED TO COUNTY CHIEFS

The first general distribution of Federal civilian defense supplies in Pennsylvania was started this week with the shipment of casualty identification tags to County Chiefs of Emergency Medical Service.

The shipment amounted to 100,000 tags, or approximately one-half of the total expected for this state on a basis of 20 tags for each 1,000 population. Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the S.C.D., directed that the tags be allotted to emergency field units, casualty hospitals and casualty stations.

A minor item on the list of supplies and equipment provided by a $100,000,000 appropriation of Congress, identification tags are to be placed on the wrist or ankle of air raid victims before they are sent to hospitals. A variety of other Federal equipment is being sent to target areas designated by Washington, after which remaining supplies will go to other areas.

THREE GOALS

Three immediate goals which Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania should keep before them at this time are set forth by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., as follows:

(1) Bringing the Citizens Defense Corps to full strength and completing the training of all Corps members.

(2) Extending the Control Center setup throughout the state, with at least one Control Center in each county.

(3) Promulgation of rules and regulations authorized in the Air Raid Precautions Act so that every Civilian Defense worker and every citizen knows his duties and responsibilities.

"We cannot say that we are fully prepared for attack until these goals are achieved," Dr. Marts said.

District Council Is Stream-Lined

A new District Council of Defense comprising five Pennsylvania counties has been established in the Philadelphia metropolitan area to replace the unwieldy former setup in which three New Jersey counties were included.

The action was taken at a conference in Philadelphia at which O.C.D. Director James M. Landis withdrew the interstate co-ordinating Council and abolished the office of Metropolitan Area Co-ordinator.

Members of the new District

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First Rule Is Promulgated By Council Under New A.R.P. Act; Defines Duties Of County Units

In its first formal action under the newly-enacted Air Raid Precautions Act, the State Council of Defense this week issued a comprehensive rule defining the duties and authority of County Councils of Defense.

The rule, which carries the full force of law, is the forerunner of a series of rules on various subjects which will be promulgated by the Council from time to time. A number of rules are now in preparation for submission to the Council.

Rule No. 1 is being sent out in printed form to all Councils of Defense, along with a preamble pointing out that this and subsequent rules "have the same force and effect" as if they formed a part of the Air Raid Precautions Act. The preamble also cites the penalties prescribed for violations.

All rules will be printed in standard form suitable for posting in sequence on bulletin boards or in loose-leaf folders.

Among the proposed rules awaiting action by the Council is a rule to cover control of all traffic in the state during air raids and blackouts. Recommendations for this rule were drafted this week at a meeting of the S.C.D. Traffic Control Committee, headed by Colonel Lynn G. Adams, State Motor Police Commissioner.

Counties To Report

Meanwhile, the S.C.D. has sent a communication to all County Councils of Defense asking an immediate report on the legal status of Councils of Defense within the county. Where Councils were not properly set

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Certificates For Victory Gardens

Attractive certificates for presentation by local Victory Garden committees to all Pennsylvanians enrolled in the program to "plant, grow, harvest and conserve" garden produce are being prepared for distribution this week by the State Council of Defense.

The certificates bear the coat-of arms of the Commonwealth and are suitable for framing. A detachable stub on each certificate provides space for the local committee to keep a record of all registrants so that totals can be forwarded to the State committee.

An initial supply of 50,000 certificates was ordered by the S.C.D. and it is expected that an additional order of the same number will be needed.

Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the S.C.D. Advisory Victory Garden Committee, asked local committees to arrange with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to paint red, white and blue markers for Victory Gardens. Simple tin cans will be used for this purpose.

Meanwhile, Dr. Warren B. Mack, executive secretary of the committee, pointed out that persons wishing to plant Victory Gardens should not delay any longer in registering, since the time for planting will soon be past.

Two New Appointments Are Announced By State Council

Appointment of persons to fill two important new positions has been announced by the State Council of Defense. The positions, and those named, are:

State Hospital Officer—Major Roger A. Greene, of Pottsville.

Vice-chairman of Evacuation and Welfare Committee—Sydney E. Martin, of Philadelphia.

As State Hospital Officer, Major Greene will assist Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the S.C.D., in organizing hospitals of the state for special services to civilian casualties in an emergency. He will arrange for extra hospital facilities near target areas and will maintain records of hospital occupancy.

Major Greene is superintendent of the Pottsville General Hospital and a former president of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. At one time he was personnel director in charge of institutional personnel in all State-owned institutions. He saw front-line action as a captain and a major in World War I.

Mr. Martin, a practicing architect, will give his attention to welfare aspects of the S.C.D. Evacuation and Welfare program, while the committee chairman, Secretary of Forests and Waters G. Albert Stewart, will supervise evacuation plans.

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SALVAGE MEETING CALLED AT CAPITOL

County and local Salvage Committee chairmen have been summoned to a state-wide meeting to be held at 1:30 p. m. next Wednesday, May 13, in the Capitol at Harrisburg.

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FIRST RULE

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up by ordinance, resolution, or proclamation, it was recommended that such steps be taken now.

Provisions of S.C.D. Rule No. 1 are as follows:

County councils of defense shall be responsible for the following functions in the county, and other local councils of defense within the county shall cooperate with the county councils in the discharge of these functions and perform such duties assigned to them herein:

(a) Establishment of a centrally located office accessible to the public, where all rules, regulations and orders may be made available for inspection in compliance with clause (b) of Section 3 of the Air Raid Precautions Act.

(b) Distribution to all subcommittees of the county councils of defense, and to the local and district councils of defense, of communications, rules, regulations, instructions, publications and orders which it receives from the State Council of Defense, and acting as a channel or chain of communication between the local and district councils of defense and the State Council of Defense.

(c) Reception of air raid warnings from the Filter Center and transmission of these warnings to the local and district councils of defense and other agencies and institutions within the Air Raid Warning District.

(d) Establishment and maintenance of one or more Control Centers, at places designated or approved by the State Council of Defense, for the purpose of giving instructions and commands to the civilian defense forces during attacks and drills, and the designation of similar control centers in other political subdivisions established by local councils of defense other than counties.

(e) Coordination of the civilian protection work and activities of the various local councils of defense within the county so as to eliminate duplication and overlapping, and the institution of provisions for the defense of any areas in the county not included in the areas of local councils of defense.

(f) Supervising and directing cooperation between political subdivisions within the county regarding the use of personnel and equipment as provided in Section 5 of the Air Raid Precautions Act.

(g) Procuring from the local councils of defense and municipal agencies reports on civilian defense when requested to do so by the State Council of Defense.

(h) Establishment and administration of a system of protective training for the members of the volunteer agencies in the courses of training as outlined and provided by the State Council of Defense, subject to the approval of the State Council of Defense, and certification of persons qualified to receive arm band insignia and identification cards.

(i) Subject to the prior approval of the State Council of Defense, the county councils of defense shall have authority to hold drills, mobilizations and inspections of the municipal and volunteer agencies within the county and to require the cooperation of local and district councils of defense in such practices.

(j) Subject to the prior approval of the State Council of Defense, the county councils of defense shall have authority to authorize local and district councils of defense to hold drills, mobilizations and inspections of the municipal and volunteer agencies within political subdivisions.

(k) The county councils of defense shall hold regular meetings, at least twice a month, and shall require local councils of defense to hold regular meetings for the purpose of perfecting civilian defense organization and reporting on the status of the protective measures.

APPOINTMENTS

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A captain in the Engineer Corps during World War I, Mr. Martin has served recently as president of the General Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania and is now a trustee of the University, a trustee of Lankenau Hospital, vice-president of the Fairmount Park Art Association, and a director of the American Academy of Fine Arts and of the Art Alliance.

WEEKLY BROADCASTS

A series of weekly broadcasts on Civilian Defense and what everyone can do to cooperate has been started by Station WHJB, Greensburg, in collaboration with the Westmoreland County Council of Defense.

Robert M. Carson, Greensburg attorney, is coordinator of the series for the Council of Defense, and L. B. Keck, Council chairman, was featured in the first program.

UNITY HEADS — Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling (top) is chairman, and Dean Arthur R. Warnock (bottom) is executive secretary of the State Council of Defense Advisory Committee on American Unity.

ERIE COUNCIL MARKS ITS 90TH BROADCAST

With the completion of five 15-minute broadcasts scheduled this week, the Erie City Council of Defense will be able to boast of 90 radio programs it has sponsored over Erie stations since January 1.

The type of programs sponsored is indicated by the following topics for this week: "First Aid—Lesson 3," "Air Raid Warning System," "Erie's Organization for Civilian Defense," "Are You Ready for a Trial Blackout?" and "How to Obtain Information About Civilian Defense." The series is under the direction of C. Herman Grose, chairman of education and public relations for the Council.

Trailers Shown

Air Raid Precautions movie "trailers" produced by the State Council of Defense are being shown currently in theatres of the Philadelphia area. The trailers, which give official rules for conduct during air raids and blackouts, will be made available later to theatres in other cities.

ADDITIONAL UNITY COMMITTEES NAMED

A general increase in morale-sustaining activities has resulted from a request by the State Council of Defense that the appointment of American Unity committees be completed by all County and Local Councils.

Many Councils had named Unity committees following the appointment of the State committee last November, but the program was not pushed on a local basis following Pearl Harbor. Commitee appointments are being reported to the S.C.D. now in considerable numbers in response to the new request.

A statement by the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chairman of the S.C.D. Committee on American Unity, setting forth the wartime aims of American Unity, has been printed and will be distributed throughout the state. It is entitled "A Creed for Victory."

Chairmen of County American Unity Committees reported to the S.C.D. are:

Adams: E. V. Bulleit, Gettysburg; **Allegheny:** Hon. Ralph H. Smith, Pittsburgh; **Beaver:** Wm. V. Kennedy, Beaver; **Berks:** Rabbi Sidney L. Regner, Reading; **Blair:** Lt. Col. B. I. Levine, Altoona; **Bradford:** Volney E. Grenell, Towanda.

Cameron: M. Frank Egan, Emporium; **Centre:** A. R. Warnock, State College; **Clarion:** M. H. Davis, Clarion; **Clinton:** George F. Hess, Beech Creek; **Columbia:** Dr. S. A. Harker, Bloomsburg; **Cumberland:** Jacob M. Goodyear, Carlisle; **Erie:** Henry Meyers, North East; **Forest:** Orion Allio, Tionesta; **Indiana:** Steele Guthria, Indiana; **Juniata:** James Leitzel, Richfield.

Lawrence: Ivor Davis, New Castle; **Lehigh:** Wm. J. Lawlor, Allentown; **Luzerne:** Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes-Barre; **McKean:** Emile Stenger, Kane; **Mercer:** Rev. J. F. Murphy, Sharon; **Mifflin:** C. V. Erdly, Lewistown.

Northampton: J. Jay Wilcox, Bethlehem; **Northumberland:** Rev. A. K. Kietz, Sunbury; **Perry:** Wm. Morrow, New Bloomfield; **Snyder:** Horace W. Vought, Middleburg; **Somerset:** Wm. E. Griffith, Somerset; **Warren:** Raymond W. Steber, Warren; **Washington:** John C. Judson, Washington; **Wayne:** Arthur J. Wall, Honesdale.

CONTROL CENTER

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week. Those now operating are in **Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Bethlehem, Philadelphia,** and **Chester.** Philadelphia has five centers operating and plans a central control center and one more district center in addition.

Due to be completed next week are control centers at Bethlehem Steel Corp., **Bethlehem, Carlisle, York, Lebanon, Allentown Easton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Doylestown, Norristown, Media, Coatesville, Williamsport,** and **Lewistown.** The Media center will be a county control center for Delaware County, and Chester will be a local center.

In western Pennsylvania, progress is reported by a number of cities, including **Pittsburgh, Erie, Johnstown, New Castle, Butler, Kittanning, Washington,** and **McKeesport.** Colonel Pierce is making a tour of cities in the western area this week to assist in control center plans.

CONFER ON MANUAL—Police representatives are shown at conference in Harrisburg to discuss forthcoming Auxiliary Police manual with S.C.D. training staff. Left to right are, seated: Arthur W. Thomas, Allegheny County Council of Defense; Col. C. M. Wilhelm, Deputy Commissioner of State Motor Police; Harold W. Pierce, S.C.D. training staff; Elizabeth M. DiBacco, committee secretary; Chief George J. Christoph, Erie; Lieut. H. S. Carey, Altoona; Chief John G. Good, Williamsport; Amos E. Neyhart, Pennsylvania State College; standing, Chief W. Raymond Sakers, Ridley Park; Dr. Stephen B. Sweeney, Associate Chief of Training, S.C.D.; Capt. George D. Thomas, Allegheny County; Patrolman Joseph F. Flynn, Pittsburgh; Donald E. Dunn, Reading; Charles P. Cella, S.C.D. training staff, and John T. Hermansen, Supervisor of Training, S.C.D.

HOW OTHERS ARE DOING IT

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McKeesport Units Act In Emergency

When an explosion shattered the torpedo room of the Central Railway Signal Co. plant near McKeesport last Friday, the city's Emergency Medical Service squads were on the scene within a few minutes, giving emergency treatment to the injured and speeding them by special ambulance to the McKeesport Hospital.

Thus, careful planning and training that was started nearly a year ago enabled this branch of the McKeesport Council of Defense to "prove itself" as a community asset that will bear dividends both in air raids and in other disasters.

Eight workers were killed in the blast and many others injured. Thanks to prompt action by the ambulance corps and an Emergency Medical squad of ten physicians and eight nurses, all of the injured were being treated at the hospital within a half-hour.

Repays Effort

"This one incident," reported W. A. Robb, coordinator of the McKeesport Council, "justifies us for the work that has been done in organizing for Civilian Defense. Dr. H. S. Arthurs, chief of the Emergency Medical group, began his units last June, when many persons sort of laughed at him."

The Medical Division also has established emergency hospitals in a number of buildings near factories and other areas where air raids might cause heavy casualties.

On the same day as the explosion, the Council of Defense was busy on another front—sponsoring a Victory Day parade in which approximately 5,000 of the city's 55,000 residents marched. Of these, at least 2,000 were active Civilian Defense workers wearing their official armbands.

"We have graduated some 500 to 600 air raid wardens and fire watchers, and will graduate about 150 messengers by May 15," Robb stated. "All the other services have training courses underway."

Meetings of the Defense Council, whose chairman is Mayor Frank Buchanan, are held every Thursday morning and are attended by representatives from adjoining towns.

An important project is being completed by the Defense Council this week in the opening of its Control Center. The center was equipped and manned last week along lines worked out with the Allegheny County Council of Defense.

QUOTA INCREASED FOR ARMY SCHOOL

With 80 Pennsylvanians already listed as graduates, the Civilian Defense School operated by the Army's Chemical Warfare Division has completed arrangements now to admit 14 instead of eight trainees from this state every two weeks.

The increase in quota was announced by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., along with an invitation to County and Local Councils of Defense to nominate candidates.

Pennsylvania trainees enrolled in the session just past were: Oliver C. Kuntzleman, **Sunbury**; Ben C. Gerg, **St. Marys**; Arthur Guthrie, **Johnstown**; Charles E. Mullin, **Huntingdon**; Joseph G. Spahr, **York**. Those in the preceding session were: Ralph B. Whisler, **Waynesboro**; John C. Phillips, **Springfield Twp.**; Gerald L. Funk, **Marcus Hook**; John C. Markovich, **Houtzdale**; James H. McCartney, **Wilkes-Barre**; Herbert C. Dixon, **Johnstown**; Robert M. Houseal, **Harrisburg**.

POLICE MANUAL BEING PREPARED

Preparation of "special duty" instruction manuals for Pennsylvania Auxiliary Police and Air Raid Wardens is well underway following conferences between the training staff of the S.C.D. and representative police officers and air raid wardens.

The conference with police officers extended into two sessions in order that numerous problems concerning the authority and training of Auxiliary Police could be fully discussed. Police Lieutenant H. S. Carey of Altoona served as chairman of the police advisory committee.

The special duty manuals will deal with specialized training not covered in the 100-page Basic Courses manual. The latter, which was issued by the S.C.D. early in April, outlines instructional material for units of the Citizens Defense Corps.

Meanwhile, training courses for the more than 330,000 Citizens Defense Corps enrollees were reported progressing rapidly throughout the state. Standard forms for certifying trainees eligible for armbands have been sent to each county, along with identification cards.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Council, appointed by Governor James are the chairmen of the five County Councils of Defense, Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., and Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia, who was elected chairman.

Stream-lined for effective action, the new District Council has set up headquarters in Room 101, Broad Street Station, Philadlephia, and is holding weekly meetings. A district Control Center will be established to link together the Control Centers of the five member counties — Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks.

New Councils

New Councils of Defense organized since March 20 have raised Pennsylvania's total number of Defense Councils to 870. Of these, 67 are County Councils, 45 are City Councils, 575 are in Boroughs, 110 in Townships, and 73 in Colleges.

The new Councils and their chairmen, by counties, are:

Adams—Abbottstown: George Zudrell.

Allegheny—Bridgeville: Clarence Nixon; Groveton: Ross L. Leffler; Oakmont: W. Ray Stopp; Swissvale: Bert C. Kost.

Bedford—Alum Bank: George F. Miller.

Butler—Zelienople: J. E. Reinsmith.

Centre—Unionville: James B. Holtzworth.

Chester—West Chester: John C. Groff; Atglen: William Kirk; Berwyn: Walter C. Ezes; Honey Brook: Eugene C. Wright; Kennett Square: C. Gilbert Hazlett; Elverson: Clyde L. Kurtz; Downingtown: Chandler P. Roberts; Oxford: John H. Wear, II; Tri Township: Wm. G. Ward.

Clarion—Perryville: P. M. Neely; West Freedom: P. C. Geilbrum; Leeper: A. J. Simons.

Columbia—Almedia: Bruce Sneidman; Benton: Charles Hess; Catawissa: Henry L. Hause; Espy: Leroy W. Creasy; Mifflinville: T. J. Kirker; Millville: Jay Derr; Orangeville: L. C. Conner.

Cumberland—East Pennsboro Township: W. R. McNeal.

Dauphin—Elizabethville: Warren E. Swabb; Millersburg: Robert V. C. Kerr.

Delaware—Newtown Township: Wm. Wulbertson.

Erie—Union City: C. H. Gardner.

Juniata—Delaware Township: H. J. Taubert; Fayette Township: Mr. Writer.

Lackawanna—Old Forge: William Creedon.

Luzerne—Larksville: Andrew Suppon; Plains Township: Mayor Charles Loveland, Wilkes-Barre.

Montgomery (Revised) — Conshohocken: Wm. A. Longacre; Bridgeport: Chris F. Brennen; Norristown: Major J. K. Fornance; Schwenksville: Samuel Horst; Souderton: Guy S. Claire; Telford: Wallace Blank; East Norriton: Louis V. Dorp; Franconia: Linford G. Hagey; Royersford: S. W. Fox; Rockledge: George Praediger, Sr.; Lower Frederick Twp.: E. H. Keyser; Lower Gwynedd Twp.: Floyd Schneider; Lower Moreland Twp.: Allen Lockhart, Jr.; Lower Providence Twp.: Oscar Krebs; Lower Salford Township: Otto Quinque; Montgomery Twp.: Bruce Fearn; Skippack Twp.: C. Kepler Tyson; Towamencin Twp.: Wm. H. K. Ruth; Upper Dublin Twp.: Luther Klosterman; Upper Frederick Twp.: E. H. Keyser; Upper Gwynedd Twp.: J. D. Titus; Upper Hanover Twp.: Charles M. Yerger; Upper Merion Twp.: Wm. E. Wills; Upper Moreland Twp.: Peter H. DePree; Upper Pottsgrove Twp.: John F. Prout; Upper Providence Twp.: Alan T. Wright; West Norriton Twp.: Russell E. Crawford; Whitemarsh Twp.: John S. Magill; Whitpain Twp.: Samuel McCracken; Worcester Twp.: Walter R. Godshall; East Greenville: Victor S. Ensminger; Douglass Twp.: Cyrus Yerger; Horsham Twp.: Edwin Cribb.

Lycoming — Salladasburg: A. R. Clark; DuBoistown: Albert N. Rupert; Montgomery: C. M. Zellers; Picture Rocks: Rev. Joseph Westcott.

Mercer—Hickory Twp.: B. W. O. Dickinson; Clark: Claude W. Cubbison; Sheakleyville: John Gedeon.

Northumberland—Zerbe Twp: Ed. J. O'Rourke; Shamokin Twp.: Harold F. Bonno; Snydertown Boro. and Rush Twp.: Grant Herb.

Pike — Matamoras - Westfall Twp.: Willard L. French.

Schuylkill—Middleport: Edward Bubel; Frackville: John E. Beddow; Coaldale: D. P. Shybeck; Auburn: Samuel U. Marburger.

Snyder—Mt. Pleasant Mills: Palmer Carman; Middleburg: Cyril F. Runkle.

Success Reported In Salvage Weeks

Pennsylvania's two largest cities, **Philadelphia** and **Pittsburgh,** collected more than 21,000 tons of waste material in recent concentrated salvage drives.

Philadelphia in a week's drive donated 17,500 tons of scrap to the war effort, comprising 11,000 tons of metal, 4200 tons of waste paper, 1500 tons of rags, and 800 tons of old rubber.

Pittsburgh in a week-end drive collected more than 2600 tons of metal, old rags, waste paper and rubber.

Reports on salvage weeks from other communities include:

Ellwood City gathered 66 tons of scrap metal in the first few days of its campaign; Boy Scouts of **Clearfield** collected more than 200 tons of waste paper; school children in **Philadelphia** collected more than 50 tons of old automobile license plates; 3080 auto tags, weighing close to a ton, were donated in **Waynesburg**; Boy Scouts in **Sharon** have gathered almost 50 tons of waste paper; the first collection day in **Monessen** yielded 20 tons of waste paper; a ton of old paper and 12 tons of scrap metal were collected in **Punxsutawney**; more than 35 tons of scrap was collected in **Curwensville**; **Lancaster** during March collected 1500 tons more scrap than in the previous month; **Butler** has let a contract for removal of scrap iron and tin from the city dump, the municipality to receive 25 per cent of the revenue; an abandoned colliery at **Conyngham** is being cleared of unnecessary metal and a 13-ton pulverizer is being dismantled to help in the salvage campaign; **Wilkes-Barre** has collected 40 tons of tin cans in two weeks, and **Hazleton** has opened a storage place for tin cans it collects.

CITIZENSHIP DAY

Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania have been asked to take part in local observances of "I Am An American Day" on Sunday, May 17. The day has been set aside in proclamations by President Roosevelt and Governor James as a citizenship day to give recognition to those who have become citizens, either by naturalization or by coming of age, during the past year.

TELEPHONE CO. TO ISSUE NEW FILM

A new-type training film which describes the aircraft warning system and shows how control centers and Citizens Defense Corps units go into action is being produced by the Bell Telephone Co. for use in Pennsylvania.

Prints are expected to be available late this month, and the telephone company has arranged through the State Council of Defense to release one print to each County Director of Civilian Defense Schools. The film was approved by the S.C.D. staff after a special prevue.

Entitled "Army of the Home Front," the film makes use of a sound record synchronized with still pictures.

News From Local Councils

More than 500 persons have registered for Victory Gardens at the **Media** headquarters of the Delaware County Council of Defense . . . **Lower Merion** Twp. has received donations of several large tracts of land for Victory Gardens . . . The Kiwanis Club of **St. Clair**, Schuylkill County, has offered a 5-acre plot of ground for use as Victory Gardens . . . Several Main Line families in suburban **Philadelphia** have thrown open their estates to be used for Victory Gardens . . . Employes of **Altoona's** highway department used city equipment to plow ground for Victory Gardens . . . **Lancaster** is making an appeal for garden tools to work a special Victory Garden plot which will supply reserve food for city and county school children.

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Philadelphia experienced its first prolonged war alert, a surprise test lasting 34 hours from Saturday night, April 18, to Monday morning, April 20 . . . the city was policed by 35,000 air raid wardens and 15,000 auxiliary policemen and firemen . . . The **Loyalsock Twp.** Fire Company's new siren has passed tests as an air raid alarm for that **Allegheny** County community . . . **Renovo** has purchased a new siren at a cost of about $350 to serve its 3500 residents . . . a test of **West Chester's** new 7½ h.p. air raid siren disclosed that the alarm was not heard everywhere within the area . . . Until an adequate air raid alarm is established in **Royerstown,** the police car will tour the town with siren blowing to warn of an air raid.

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Sand has been delivered to **Coatesville** homes for air raid defense . . . Residents of **Arnold** were supplied with sand from several large piles dumped in various parts of the community . . . Civilian Defense officials in **Phoenixville** have advised residents that anyone with a bucket can obtain sand at the Borough Hall . . . The **Easton** Council of Defense is distributing 9,000 tons of sand to residents of the municipality . . . The **Middletown** Council of Defense is supervising distribution of sand to local residents.

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The **Lehigh** County Council of Defense organized a volunteer army of 1,000 women to conduct the War Bond Pledge Campaign and to handle all future campaigns of this type . . . **Montgomery** County's Local Councils of Defense have received a total of 31,254 civilian defense insignia . . . The **Hatfield** Council of Defense has distributed questionnaires to the public to obtain information that would be helpful in emergencies . . . Burgess Robert G. Boyd, chairman of the **Renovo** Council of Defense, has named R. O. Raymond as executive director . . . **Clinton** County Council of Defense has named J. W. Puderbaugh as council coordinator . . . Leonard B. Keck, chairman of the **Westmoreland** County Council of Defense, reports council headquarters have been moved into the Coshey Building in Greensburg . . . The **Emmaus** Council of Defense held a special observance called "MacArthur Day" on April 12 . . . The **Delaware** County Council of Defense reports plans for establishing seven more classes for women in motor mechanics . . .

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The **Harrisburg-Dauphin** County Council of Defense held a night demonstration in the Hershey Stadium in which auxiliary firemen, rescue squads, auxiliary police bomb squads, Red Cross units, air raid wardens and fire watchers participated . . . **Grantham,** on the edge of **York** and **Cumberland** counties, reports it has purchased a new air raid siren and fire truck and has established an air raid shelter in the basement of the Messiah Bible College buildings . . . The **Shenandoah** Council of Defense has organized Boy Scouts for service as blackout messengers . . . Approximately 35 **Cambria** County druggists have started a course in first aid treatment for gas victims . . . 267 persons have volunteered for auxiliary police work in **Lower Merion** Twp.

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Marking its first anniversary, the 300-man auxiliary police corps of **Cheltenham** Twp. Council of Defense staged a public drill on April 30 . . . the corps is led by Lt. Commander Cyrus C. Alcorn, of **Wyncote** . . . Fifteen first aid units numbering 25 doctors, 60 nurses, and 150 first aid assistants have been formed in **Wayne** County under Dr. H. N. Owens . . . The **Lackawanna** County Council of Defense is conducting a daily question-and-answer column on civilian defense and other phases of the war effort in the **Scranton** Times.

Seven thousands persons attended a demonstration at the **Allentown** Fair Grounds on how to handle incendiary bombs . . . Chairman John McN. Myers, of the **Mercersburg** Council of Defense, reports that more than 800 persons viewed a showing of Civilian Defense films sponsored by the Council at a local theatre . . . A mother who wanted to show that she was "back of the Government and back of her sons" walked to town before daybreak to register for Civilian Defense at **Berlin,** Somerset County.

Blackouts Okayed For 48 Counties

Increased emphasis on blackouts has resulted in a wave of new county and local requests that has raised to 48 the total number of counties in Pennsylvania where practice blackouts have been authorized.

Requests approved by the State Council of Defense during the past two weeks included several "surprise" blackouts where the exact hour was not announced in advance, and also the first all-night test undertaken in the state. The all-night test will be held in Coatesville.

Longer Tests

"We are encouraging localities that have experienced short blackouts to attempt longer tests when their plans have progressed far enough," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D. "Longer tests will be more realistic and will bring home the problems of blackouts more impressively."

In granting approval for blackouts, the S.C.D. has added a new stipulation to the effect that thru-traffic shall not be hindered, because of the importance of war materials moving on the highways. Likewise exempted from practice blackouts are industries, airports, beacon lights, and railroads.

Blackouts authorized during the past two weeks, and the dates scheduled, included: Hyndman Boro, May 6; Bradford, Sullivan and Potter Counties, May 8; Mercersburg, May 10; Coatesville and Meyersdale, May 11; Centre and Tioga Counties, May 15; Lycoming and Dauphin Counties, May 20; Huntingdon County, May 22; Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, May 25; Lehigh and Northampton Counties and Palmerton Boro, May 31; Elk County, June 1.

Authorized and held recently were: York and Pike Counties, Gap Boro and Windber.

Resigns As Chairman

Rolland L. Adams, Bethlehem, has resigned as chairman of the Northampton County Council of Defense and the duties will now be handled by the executive committee of the Council, headed by E. Albert Boyer.

NEW DEFENSE AIDS

Legs of pinball machines are helping to "support" the civilian defense program in Scranton.

It seems that the legs of pinball machines are made of wood which is the right type for police "maces" or "billy clubs" and the information was put to profitable use by the National Youth Administration.

Legs of confiscated pinball machines are turned over to the NYA boys in the Throop work experience shop. and are turned out on modern lathes into maces for auxiliary police in the Scranton area. Several hundred maces have been completed.